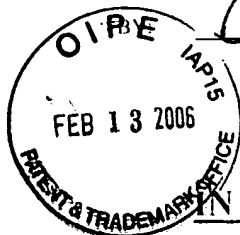


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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

This is being filed in response to the final Office Action dated October 19, 2005 (Paper No. 20051014) in the above-identified application. This response is being timely filed by February 21, 2006 (February 19, 2006 being a Sunday and February 20, 2006 being a Federal Holiday) in view of the simultaneous filing of a Petition for Extension of Time (one month).

Please amend the application, without prejudice, as follows: